

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of January 3, 2000 :

M. A. Cohen, et al : Group Art No.:

: Examiner: G. Fourson Serial No. 08/880,616

Filed: June 23, 1997

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING USAGE OF COMPUTER RESOURCES IN SCHEDULING OF

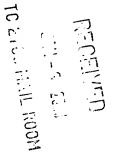
APPLICATION TASKS

for IBM Corporation Anne Vachon Dougherty

3173 Cedar Road

Yorktown Heights, NY

10598



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

Amendment Transmittal Letter

Amendment

Acknowledgement Postcard

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

> Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

on January 3, 2000.

Anne Vachon Dougherty

Print name of person mailing

pedson/mailing

In re application of: M. A. COHEN ET, AL

Date: January 3, 2000

Serial No.: 08/880,616

Filed: June 23, 1997

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING USAGE OF

COMPUTER RESOURCES IN SCHEDULING OF APPLICATION TASKS

Docket No.: Y0997-111

Box Non-fee Amendment ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment** for the above-identified Application.

No additional fee is required for this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16.

Respectfully submitted, M.A. COHEN, ET AL

Anne Vachon Dougherty

Registration No. 30,374 Tel. (914) 962-5910

JAN 0 5 2000 65

#8/c 554 1-7-00

Serial No. 08/880,616 Art Unit No. 2755

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : January 3, 2000 M.A. COHEN , ET AL Group Art No.: Examiner: G. Fourson <u>Serial No. 08/880,616</u> Filed: June 23, 1997 for IBM Corporation by Anne Vachon Dougherty Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR 3173 Cedar Road MAXIMIZING USAGE OF COMPUTER Yorktown Hts, NY RESOURCES IN SCHEDULING OF 10598 APPLICATION TASKS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 1999, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The 3 month shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action was set to expire on January 1, 2000, a Saturday and a holiday on which the U.S. Patent Office was not open. This response is being filed on the first business day on which the Patent Office is open after that